



Emerging Issues Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2009

Summary

Emerging Issues Subcommittee Members in Attendance (11):

David Choate, Chair (Arizona State University, Arizona Arrestee Reporting Information Network)
Michelle Neitch (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission), proxy for Phillip Stevenson (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission)
Wes Kortuem (Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Vital Statistics), proxy for Richard Porter (Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Vital Statistics)
Sarah Blake (PAXIS Institute), proxy for Dennis Embry (PAXIS Institute)—via conference call
Lt. Cheryl Gipson-Thurman (Phoenix Police Department), proxy for Officer Bobbie Moreland (Phoenix Police Department)—via conference call
Jody Sekerak (Indian Health Services)—via conference call
Stephanie Ayers (Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center), proxy for Wendy Wolfersteig (Arizona State University)
Mona Polacca (Inter Tribal Council of Arizona), proxy for Wanda LeClere MacDonald (Navajo Behavioral Health Services, Navajo Nation)—via conference call
Alida Montiel (Inter Tribal Council of Arizona)—via conference call
Michelle Anderson (Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections)—via conference call
Judith Fritsch (Department of Economic Security, Community Partnerships and Innovative Practices)

Emerging Issues Subcommittee Members Absent (2):

Christina Cutshaw (University of Arizona)
Meena Shahi (First Things First)

Office of Governor Janice K. Brewer's Staff (3):

Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF)
Leticia Mendoza (GOCYF)
Scott Fry (GOCYF)

Public (1):

Nitika Singh (Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services)



Call to Order was made by **David Choate** at 1:30 p.m. after noting that a quorum was present.

Welcome and Introductions

- **David Choate** asked the attendees and guests present to introduce themselves and their respective agency/group.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- **David Choate** verified that the group members had previewed the meeting minutes from May 2009.
 - **Wendy Wolfersteig** noted a few minor corrections in an e-mail to **Jeanne Blackburn** prior to the meeting, which had been incorporated.
 - **Michelle Neitch** motioned to accept the minutes with changes.
 - **Mona Polacca** seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed without objection.

Announcements

- **Jeanne Blackburn** informed the group that:
 - the next meeting of the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) will be held in September and directed members to the ASAP calendar in their packets;
 - the group had been mentioned and the Prescription Drug Spotlight Report cited in the Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center's (SIRC) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant application; and
 - the IT department at the Governor's Office will now be able to provide data on the number of hits to the Emerging Issues Subcommittee website.

Update on Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group

- **Jeanne Blackburn** updated the group on the work of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group:
 - **Jean Ajamie** presented on the Arizona Safety Accountability for Education (Az SAFE) Project, "...an initiative to improve the collection, use, and reporting of safety and discipline incident data" (more information, including the Implementation Manual, is available at: <http://www.ade.az.gov/sa/health/AZSafeImplementManual.asp>).
 - The proposal being written by the Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC) for Recovery Act (ARRA) monies available to National Institutes of Health (NIH) Centers of Excellence is in the process of being submitted.
 - Data are still being gathered for the 2009 *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile*.
 - The Partnerships for Success (PFS) grant application was submitted to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) on 05/22/09.
 - **Ms. Blackburn** will inform the group of any award or denial as soon as she receives such information.
 - **Ms. Blackburn** met with members of the Saint Luke's Health Survey (SLHI) and First Things First (FTF) to discuss the addition of adult substance abuse prevalence questions to the survey and the sampling methodology to be employed.



- She will meet with them again on Thursday, June 18th to discuss the scope of work and other details and will ask if it is possible for the survey to ask questions specific to veteran status (current and/or previous) and military service in a combat zone.

Update on: School Resource Officer Canary Survey; Co-Occurring Spotlight Report: and June Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership Meeting

- **David Choate** informed the group that the School Resource Officer Canary Survey has been administered.
 - **Mr. Choate** is awaiting final surveys to be submitted to him.
 - He will provide an update at the next meeting and will bring appropriate data with him to the meeting for examination.
 - **Mr. Choate** opened a discussion on the timeframe and scope of the Co-Occurring Spotlight report.
 - The group decided that the report will focus on data specific to juveniles in detention facilities and adults in the adult correctional system if that information is available. If that information is not available, data specific to the treatment population should be used instead with an explanation of why these data are not available and what can be done to address this data gap.
 - Juvenile data will be specific to 2007 and 2008 and if available, adult data should mirror this timeframe.

Update on Life Path Project

- **Jeanne Blackburn** provided the group with the most recent draft narrative for the Life Path Project.
 - The only piece that remains to be completed is a section with recommendations on the appropriate response to the issues raised in the report that will answer the “So what?” question (i.e., so what do we do about this; what does this information mean?).
 - **David Choate** asked every group member to provide at least one recommendation to **Jeanne Blackburn** by Thursday, June 18th for inclusion in the report.

Meeting Schedule

- After discussion by the group about the necessity of meeting in July, a motion to forgo the July meeting and instead meet in August was made by **Wes Kortuem** and seconded by **Michelle Neitch**.

Call to Public

- **Sarah Blake**, proxy for **Dennis Embry**, announced that the U.S. House and Senate has passed legislation placing the tobacco industry under the control of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and is expected to be submitted to President Obama for signature.
- **David Choate** made a call to the public.
 - No one from the public had any comment.



Adjourn at 2:30 p.m. by **David Choate** after **Sarah Blake** moved to adjourn, a motion that was seconded by **Michelle Neitch** with no dissent.

Minutes submitted by **Jeanne Blackburn** (GOCYF).

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